

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments detailed herein be made prior to examination of the subject application.

Applicant notes that this is a national phase completion of PCT/DE2005/000320. In this underlying PCT application, Applicant made various amendments to the specification. These amendments were published in form PCT/IPEA/409 (International Preliminary Report On Patentability) as amended pages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5a, and 11. Accordingly, the amendments herein to the specification have been entered in the international stage. The locations of the amendments to the specification are made by reference to the English language translation of the originally filed PCT application, a copy of which is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the claims were also published in form PCT/IPEA/409. These amendments were also entered in the international stage. Specifically, in the international stage, independent claim 1 was amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claims 2 and 3, which were accordingly cancelled. The remaining depending claims 4-14 were renumbered as dependent claims 2-12. In this national stage completion, Applicant has amended the claims to read consistent with the amendments made during the international stage. Specifically, independent claim 1 has been amended, inter alia, to incorporate the subject matter of original dependent claims 2 and 3, which have been cancelled. As of this amendment, claims 1 and 4-14 are pending. Support for these amendments may be found, for example, in originally filed claims 2-3. No new matter has been entered by these amendments. Additionally, the claims have been amended throughout to remove multiple dependencies.

For the convenience of the Examiner, English language translations of the amended pages of the specification and English translations of the claims, as amended during the international stage, are enclosed herein. Pursuant to MPEP 1893.01(d), Applicant has, therefore, entered all international stage amendments herein, and no new matter has been entered.

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be entered before the examination of the present application, and before calculation of fees.

In the event the Examiner deems personal contact is necessary, please contact the undersigned attorney at (603) 668-6560.

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